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Glacier National Park Fire Update

July 28, 2003; 8:00 a.m.

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Trapper Creek Complex, 45 miles northeast of Kalispell, MT. Lightning started the fires on 7/16/03.

<u>Fire</u>	<u>Approx Acres</u>	<u>Containment</u>
Trapper Creek	14,600	25%
Wolf Gun	1,600	35%
Paul Bunyan	300	100%

Activity on Sunday, 7/27:

- Light wind limited fire intensity to surface fire and isolated torching. Trapper Creek fire grew on Sunday by about 130 acres. The other two fires grew even less.
- Approximately fifty people patrolled the east edge of Trapper Creek fire. They looked for spot fires, and extinguished some portions of the fire's edge that are most critical to spread potential from Swiftcurrent Pass.
- The group included a 10-person fire use module from Stanislaus, California. They have special training in low-impact fire suppression, especially appropriate in alpine portions of a National Park.
- No injuries to date. Total people assigned: 101. No structure losses on Sunday.

Management transitioned to Raley's Type I Incident Management Team today at 6:00 am.

At noon today the Many Glacier area will reopen to the public. Trails and other backcountry opportunities in the Many Glacier area remain closed, as does Going to the Sun Road west of Logan Pass. All services and facilities at Goat Haunt, St. Mary, Rising Sun, Two Medicine, East Glacier, Walton, and Belly River remain open.

A third public meeting about fires in the Glacier Park area will be held at the Columbia Falls Junior High School at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 28.

Forecasted weather for Monday, July 28: high of 90°, mostly sunny, relative humidity 23%, winds 5-10 miles per hour from the northwest.

Other fires in Glacier National Park: The Robert Fire: 9,310 acres. 0% contained. Wedge Canyon Fire: 18,850 acres. 5% contained.